

Spring Newsletter

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Can you believe that it is Spring already, where has this year gone!?

You may have noticed a new face in the office, the newest member to the Flying Colours Travel family is Anna Clegg. Originally from Orbost, Anna and her husband recently moved to Stratford and brings with her a great deal of travel experience, not only another friendly face to greet you! Read about Anna's experiences later in the newsletter.

With a new face joining, an old face is leaving the family - albeit temporarily - to start one of her own. Kirsten and husband Scott are expecting their first child at the start of November so will be finishing up with us shortly. We wish her a safe, smooth and painless birth!

Angela has been traveling around Europe, Amanda cruising around Sydney and I have been exploring the Kimberley.

Finally.... Mind the progress in the mall!! We are open for business as usual and hope that the disturbance to those coming in is minimal and only for a short while longer. I'm sure that it will look lovely when its done.

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2013 BROHCURES ARE HERE !

We now have the new 2013 coach tour brochures. Combine these with the Early Bird airfares and you can certainly save \$\$\$ on your next European holiday.

We can help you chose the best operator to suit your travel needs and requirements. Whether you are a first time traveller to Europe or going back to enjoy a more in depth tour of one country, it certainly is hard to bet these programs for "value for money". The accommodation, meals, travel and touring all included in your upfront cost...contact us now for further information.

National Travel Agent Awards

I'm sure you have heard all about it, that after several years of nominations this year we were fortunate enough to make it to the Finals of the National AFTA Travel Industry Awards.

Nominated in the category "Best Travel Agency Retail—Single Location", 5 of the best agencies from across Australia were selected and asked to make a presentation to a panel of judges who made the final decision. Harvey World Travel Winston Hill took out the prize, and though the runners-up were not announced we figure we must have come a very close second!

The night was held at the Westin Sydney Hotel, a very fancy Black Tie affair. Tony Squires from Chanel 7 was the MC for the night and the entertainment provided by "The Voice" finalist Darren Percival. There would have been many a sore head the next morning as the celebrations continued into the very wee hours.

Fingers crossed we can go one better next year and bring home the prize !

**SAVE THE
DATE....**

Wednesday

**20 February 2013
Travel Expo**

**Sporting Legends
Sale.**



Cable Beach Sunset

Introducing Anna...



I am originally from Orbost where I completed my traineeship in Tourism. From there I then moved onto Inverloch and I worked at Travelscene Wonthaggi for 6 months. My husband and I have now relocated to Stratford.

My first overseas holiday was to Fiji when I was 16, for my brother's wedding along the Coral Coast; I thoroughly enjoyed the weather, activities and being on "Fiji Time" with the lovely locals.

In May 2008 I traveled to Bali on an educational, viewing various hotels across Kuta, Legian, Nusa Dua and Ubud and of course some great shopping! With its great weather and lots to do, Bali is definitely on my return list. I also have visited New Zealand briefly to visit some friends and stayed at Hanmer Springs in the South Island and enjoyed the rock pools.

One of my all-time favourite holidays was my visit to the Cook Islands in September 2010 for a friend's wedding - it has absolutely beautiful beaches and is a small island so it only takes an hour to drive around and the locals are just lovely people.

For my honeymoon I went on P&O Cruise around the Pacific Islands for 10 days. We visited Nouméa, Port Vila, Lifou and Isle of Pines. A very relaxing holiday, only having to unpack once and no driving around to explore. Shore excursions were great, with the Cascade Waterfalls in Port Vila a

It was a great way to see the highlights of Europe within a 3 week period. Having a tour manager who is full of knowledge and can answer all your questions is very helpful when in a country where English is not the first language. On my future wish list would be to see a bit more of our beautiful country, a trip to Vietnam and Thailand and also to USA, Canada and Hawaii.

Early Bird Airfares:



Don't forget we have suitcases !!

We have a great range of Hedgren and Packlite suitcases and travel bags in the office and will be getting some new stock just in time for Christmas...Only about 80 sleeps to go !

The new airfares for Europe have all started to come through. This year the low season airfares are the cheapest they have been in over 10 years !! Even the Business Class air deals are better than we have seen in many years.

Contact us now to make sure you secure the best deal available for 2013. All seats are subject to availability and require early payment. Some offer special stopover accommodation rates or side-trips. Contact our office to get the best deal to suit your requirements.

Combine these airfares with a coach tours or cruise and you will find that there has never been a better time to travel to Europe. With the dollar at an all time high, now is the time to start planning that special trip away.

Call our office to make an appointment to discuss your options.

P & O's Short Break Cruises

At the beginning of August I sailed on one of P & O's Short Break Food and Wine cruises on board the Pacific Jewel to help celebrate a friend's significant birthday. These short break cruises are brilliant for a number of reasons, one they are a fantastic way to see if cruising is the holiday for you if you have never cruised before. There were plenty of other large groups on board celebrating Birthdays, Anniversaries etc. The highlight meal of the trip was lunch at Luke Mangan's Salt Grill, the cost was an additional \$30.00, which for a 3 course meal including Wagyu Beef was excellent value for money.

We also watched a variety of cooking demonstrations, as well as enjoying Chocolate Making and Wine tasting classes.

On board entertainment included Trivia games, Bingo, Dance lessons & Karaoke.

Other themed short break cruises include Comedy, Lifestyle, Australia Day, Mothers Day, Christmas in July.

Prices start from \$ 349.00 per person for an Inside Quad Share Cabin or \$ 529.00 per person for an Inside Twin Share Cabin.



Amanda

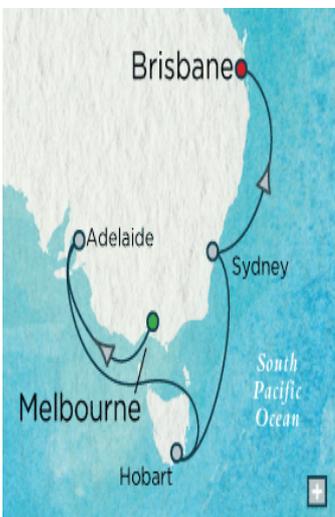


Traditional Carbonara alla Frisio—courtesy of Contiki Tours

You'll Need...

- 180g Pasta
- 1 Egg
- 2 Tsp Parmigiano Cheese
- 1 Tsp Black Pepper
- 20g Pork Belly or Bacon
- 1 Tbsp Oil
- 20g Salt
- 1L of water (for the pasta)
- A drop of White Wine

- 1 Put egg, parmigiano cheese & pepper into a bowl & mix until it becomes smooth, then place in the fridge
 - 2 Fry the oil & pork belly (or bacon) until golden brown. Once cooked leave the bacon to cool, then throw away half of the liquid in the frying pan, place the frying pan back on the grill & add a drop of white wine
 - 3 Put 1L of water & the salt into a pot, with a drop of olive oil. When the water starts to boil, place in the pasta until it's soft & cooked
 - 4 Place the pasta in the frying pan, with the bacon & egg mix
 - 5 Put the frying pan back on the heat & mix pasta with the sauce. Pay attention to the eggs: they don't have to be cooked
 - 6 If pasta is too dry, add a little water from the pasta cooking pot
 - 7 At the very end, add parmigiano cheese—Done!
- Serves 1



Crystal Symphony - Very Special Limited Offer

HEALTH conscious holidaymakers and super-stressed city-dwellers will be interested in Crystal Cruises latest announcement, that it will host a Mind, Body & Spirit themed Australian voyage onboard *Crystal Symphony*.

Departing 05 Jan 2013 from Melbourne to Brisbane the voyage features health and wellness expert leading complimentary classes and seminars. Experts set to motivate and educate guests include ultra-runner, adventure racer, and Seven Summits mountaineer Marshall Ulrich; as well as the founder of the Tai Chi Institute, Dr. Martin Lee, teaching classes in the ancient discipline; and yoga instructor Lisa Goodwin, leading various sessions.

The voyage is priced from US\$2,995pp/ts (E category) (for bookings made by 31 Oct 2012) and spends two days in Melbourne, Adelaide, Brisbane, Hobart and Sydney.

This is a luxury cruise with ALL INCLUSIVE rates. (Port Taxes, alcohol, meals, entertainment and prepaid gratuities)

Kimberley Cruise:- Jacqui

I was very lucky to experience the beautiful Kimberley region of Australia again. What an amazing place and what an amazing experience!

I flew direct from Melbourne to Broome and had an overnight stay at Cable Beach Club. I would suggest that if possible a 3 Night stay prior to heading off on a cruise would be the ideal thing to do. It all comes down to time though and the direct flight was a perfect options for me. Cable Beach Club underwent a very big refurbishment in February, and as such everything is looking nice and fresh. I'm not sure if you could get a better place to watch the sunset over the magnificent Indian Ocean.

I only had a short amount of time to have a look around Broome and certainly made the most of it. I did the "Willy's Pearl Farm Tour", which was really interesting. We were driven out to the Pearl Farm and taken to a little Tin shed where one of the very friendly staff gave us a lesson on how pearls are grown and why Broome is such a perfect location for this industry. From there a nice refreshing drink and fresh scones, then its off onto a short boat cruise to see exactly how the pearls are kept in the waters and the cleaning process they go through. We then had a quick visit to the shop to learn just how expensive Broome Pearls are, along with a lesson in how to tell a real pearl from a fake...(I think I would still fail this). Then back to Broome. A quick look around the shops, just to help the local economy out...back to Cable Beach and off to the Port to board the Oceanic Discoverer - my home for the next 10 nights.



This was heaven, or close to I think. No mobile phone access, no land lines, no TV and no Internet. Of course there is the option to purchase a phone card and Internet card on board if you really cannot last for 10 nights without contact with the outside world.

My Cabin was quite spacious and there was plenty of storage area for my luggage. Cabins are serviced twice a day with fresh towels being replaced whenever necessary. Every night a notice is left in your Cabin with the next days destination and activities detailed on it, along with sunrise and sunset times. It's quite funny really how one person can take so many photos of a sunrise...(yes sunrise) and sunset. There is no way you can really capture the beauty of this scene that we actually got to experience every day!!! If anyone is interested, I have about 500

photos, I know my family lost interest after about 3...

Of course the food was delightful. A buffet breakfast which included hot and cold dishes, lunch which was also buffet style and always included a hot dish and some very exciting salads, and dinner was three courses. A selection of two entrée and two mains were always on offer along with a vegetarian dish. One night we experienced a beach BBQ which was extremely enjoyable, the logistics of getting all the food, drinks, chairs and us to the beach so that we could have this experience on a deserted beach in the middle of the Kimberley is something I will remember forever.

Did I mention that after about 20 minutes of departing Broome Harbour we had already seen our first lot of whales. Throughout the cruise we saw many more off in the distance, along with dolphins, turtles, sharks, sea snakes and so many different birds I couldn't list them all.

The colours of the landscape along with the beautiful waterfalls are hard to explain. Of course the waterfalls vary greatly depending on the time of year you travel. This is getting towards the end of the dry season, so the waterfalls are nowhere near what they are like in April/May, although on the upside, this is the time of the year that the whales travel down the coast.

It wasn't all about laying around, actually there wasn't time for that. Everyday there were at least two excursions from the ship, a long a lecture from one of the two guest lecturers onboard every trip. These people are normally Scientists who have an incredible knowledge of the Kimberley region including the fauna, wildlife and the history. We were able to see some Aboriginal artwork which dates back over 20000 years, sometimes this involved walking along uneven rocks or steep inclines but there was always an option for those who did not feel up to the walk.



The "Xplorer" is the boat from which Oceanic Discoverer does its day trips and is very easy for all passengers to board on and from. It is a total walk on/walk off process with a

hydraulic lift taking the whole boat from one level to the next. In addition to the "Xplorer" there are two Zodiacs which are used for more expedition exploring whilst on the cruise.

I'm sure you get the idea that I had an amazing time and would recommend this trip to anyone. Please do not hesitate to contact me if you would like any more information. There is so much more I

Europe - Angela

During August, I departed for the UK & Europe with my mother (first time traveller) which was exciting for both of us. We flew with Emirates and I found them once again to be a great.

We experienced the United Kingdom aboard Cosmos Tours for 6 days and travelled as north as Edinburgh, Scotland. Whilst in Edinburgh we were lucky enough to visit the spectacular Royal Edinburgh Military Tattoo. Set against the inspiring backdrop of the Scottish capital's ancient Castle, this internationally acclaimed event features almost 1000 musicians, pipers, drummers, singers and dancers from all over the world will be performing, with a large delegation from Commonwealth countries.

This year's performance – the Tattoo's 62nd – paid tribute to Her Majesty the Queen's Diamond Jubilee and the year of Creative Scotland. Diamonds featured throughout; from a discovery by a Pictish warrior to the sound of an ancient horn, the carnyx, to a full re-enactment of the Queen's coronation and a rendition of Diamonds are Forever.

We then traveled back to London where we settled for four nights in the Mayfair district of London, exploring the many attractions London has on offer.

After our break in London we were off on a Trafalgar Tour of Europe, visiting Paris, Geneva Switzerland, Nice France, Montecatini in Italy's Tuscan Hills, Venice and then onto Rome.

The highlight of the trip was defiantly visiting Italy for the first time. The Colosseum, Trevi Fountain, Spanish Steps, The Vatican City and Pompeii were all must-see attractions. Again Europe exceeded my expectations and I cant wait to visit again!



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As you can see there's properties for all budgets

If you too would like to try Cox and Kings new 'Exotic Escapes' program contact the office for more information

Gippsland Departures 2013:-

We have a wide range of Gippsland departures available for 2013 and will have the details on our website mid October 2012. Listed below are the proposed dates and destinations. Please contact our office if you would like further details on any of these departures. Of course these tours are available for any of our clients no matter where you reside:-

05 February	Dawn Princess Round New Zealand Cruise
26 March	Burma Unlocked River Cruise
02 April	South Africa
12 April	Grand Pacific New Zealand Tour
20 April	Tasmania in Depth Coach Tour
17 May	The Ghan
03 August	The British Isles in Depth—Cosmos Tours
21 August	Kimberley Outback Experience—Swagman Tours
25 August	Paris to Prague Europe River Cruise
06 September	China Splendid
07 September	Canada and Alaska



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Would you like your say ?

We would love any of you, our valued clients, to share your travel experiences with some of our other clients. If you are interested in sharing your recent or past experiences booked through our office via our newsletter please contact our office on: admin@flyingcolourstravel.com.au

We know its always nice to hear about different places people have travelled to and know that some of you have certainly been to some very interesting places. Whether it be a special hotel, a tour, destination or even a seat on a plane.

I know I always find it interesting hearing what other people have to say.

We look forward to hearing from some of you soon.



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- Broome to Darwin 15 Apr 13.

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